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## Holy Father: 'Wrinkles are a sign of experience'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Why are the elderly unappreciated and seen as useless when they carry so much wisdom about life and can open the door to God's tenderness, Pope Francis asked.

Criticizing the obsession of trying to stay forever young in appearance, he said people must not hide or try to get rid of their wrinkles.

"Wrinkles are a sign of experience, a sign of life, a sign of maturity, a sign of having made a journey. Do not touch them to be-

come young, that your face might look young," the pope said June 8 at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square.

"What matters is the entire personality; it's the heart that matters, and the heart remains with that youth of a good wine – the more it ages the better it is," he said to applause.

The pope continued his series of talks about old age by looking at St. John's account of Nicodemus (Jn 3:1-21). Jesus tries to explain to the eld-

erly Pharisee about the need to be born again.

Jesus says that to see the kingdom of God, one needs to be "born from above," which means "a rebirth from above with the grace of God" and not to be "reborn physically" as if this life had been a waste of time or a "failed experiment" that needed to be erased and done over, the pope said.

"This life is precious in God's eyes – it identifies us as beings who are loved tenderly by God," the pope said.

Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus has something to teach people today, who, like Nicodemus, misunderstand what "rebirth" is and should be in the light of faith, he said.

Today, he said, there is a "dream of an eternal youth" and a "myth that makes us want to return to our mother's womb to come back always with a young body."

The world, which shows "a worrisome tendency to consider the birth of a child as the simple matter

of the production and biological reproduction of the human being," also cultivates this "myth of eternal youth as the desperate obsession with an incorruptible body," he said.

Technology has stepped in to help so that, while people await "the defeat of death, we can keep the body alive with medicine and cosmetics which slow down, hide, erase old age," he added. "So much makeup, so many surgical interventions to appear young."

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## Speaking my language

"That's a hard word to spell," I said, as I wrote a story for this week's edition.

"What word," asked my husband.

"Transubstantiation," I responded. "As I'm writing it, it feels like I'm using too many vowels, Ns and Ts."

My husband, a lifelong Catholic, then asked a question that left me stunned: "What's transubstantiation?"

I polled the room: "Jake, do you know what transubstantiation is?"

"Train substation? Yeah. No clue."

After giving a likely inadequate explanation to my hus-

band and son, I went back to my story and wrote out a short definition of "transubstantiation."

I refer to it as "insider language." Industries, professions, organizations, hobbies... they all have insider languages, words, phrases, acronyms and initialisms that are specific to them and understood by "insiders," others in those industries, professions, organizations, hobbies...

When you are an insider and use insider language regularly, it's easy to forget it may not be understood by others. I'm keenly aware of insider language, yet I still fall

into using it regularly.

"Why don't we move the first sentence of third graf to the lede," I once said, suggesting edits to a document several colleagues and I were collaborating to write.

In that moment, it didn't occur to me that "graf" and "lede" are terms specific to journalism. I used those words almost every day for a decade. They're part of my lexicon.

The problem with insider language is in its exclusivity. When we use insider language, those who don't "speak the language" may not understand what we're trying to communicate, and it can make others feel like "outsiders."

Insider language can mani-

fest in other ways, as well. I can think of at least a few times when I've driven to an event "in the (name) room/chapel at (name) hall/church" only to arrive at my destination to find no signs pointing me to where that room or chapel is located.

As we share our faith and our love of Christ with others, it's important to use language that's understandable and accessible. It's important to remember that not everyone knows the concepts and terms and locations that are such important parts of our lives.

It's part of being welcoming. It's part of communicating clearly.

And it's apparently something I need to be reminded of once in a while.

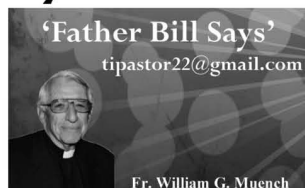
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## Finding joy in the Eucharist, as priest

One of my favorite non-canonized saints is Thomas Merton. He was a Trappist monk and a very popular spiritual author. Since his death in 1969, many books have been written about him and his message. Recently, I began reading a new book about him, "Man of Dialogue" by Gregory Hillis.

I was attracted by one of the chapters in this book that describes Merton's happiness upon the occasion of his ordination as a priest. I was impressed by this devotion to the sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist from the time of his conversion to the Catholic Church. This devotion became more intense upon his ordination. Now, he would celebrate the Mass himself and consecrate the Blessed Eucharist himself.

I remember well my own joy when I was ordained a priest. I found so much in common with Merton's excitement at his ordination. I continue to remember how blessed I felt when I could celebrate the Mass those first times, and I continue to find



great happiness each time I go to the altar at Mass. I am truly grateful that the Lord has chosen me.

This new book quotes several of Merton's writings about the Blessed Eucharist and his priesthood. These are taken from his daily Journal which Merton faithfully kept during his life as a monk.

At the time of his conversion to being Catholic, the reception of Holy Communion became the central moment of his life as a Catholic. We are told that as he looked back at his newfound love for the Eucharist, that he carefully wanted his readers to understand that it was not for him a mere ritual, but a moment of profound significance.

Merton often wrote about his faith in the Holy Eu-

charist. He discovered a God who desires to become one with us through the Eucharist, a God who incorporates us into the divine self out of love.

Merton entered the Trappist Monastery at Gethsemani, Kentucky, in 1941. He was ordained a priest in 1949. I am so impressed by his writing as he expressed his joy as he prepared for his own ordination. He writes: "It seems to me impossible that I should live the next two and a half weeks without keeling over, dying of heart failure, or having the house come down on my head. How can I possible achieve such a wonder as the priesthood? To do the thing that transforms the world and brings health to it and makes you capable of such happiness."

I do wish I could express my own joy at being a priest as well as Thomas Merton. At one place in his journal, he just blurts out, "I just keep thinking, I shall say Mass, I shall say Mass." I know that Merton celebrated Mass

every day of his life as a monk and priest.

He writes later: "There is only one thing – and that is better than anything else I have done in my life. For six months I have been saying Mass, that one fact is teaching me to live in such a way that I do not care whether I live or die."

In conclusion, I want to again express my own gratitude to Almighty God, for choosing me to be a priest. I have been given many years as a priest to bring the Lord Jesus to so many through the celebration of the Mass and the Blessed Eucharist. Each time I offer Mass I have been blessed and allowed to say the very same words that the Lord Jesus spoke at the Last Supper. I have been chosen by the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of my Savior, Jesus. As I do I remember all of you, my friends through this column, and place you on the altar of the Lord.



## FOLLOW ME

# 'The Gifts of God's Holy Spirit must guide'

It's always such a joy for me to make pastoral visits to our parishes. I'm especially privileged to meet the young women and men who seek to be fully initiated into our faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Words of gratitude go out to their pastors, catechists, grandparents and parents whose accompaniment continues to be crucial to their ongoing formation in the faith.

As I near the completion of Confirmations in our parishes this year, I share with you a message that I shared with the Confirmation candidates on Pentecost Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Creativity is a marvelous gift. Our world has benefited in countless ways because of creative minds thinking outside the box. Discoveries in science, the fruit of creative minds, continue to enrich our lives.

With the gift, however, comes responsibilities, even hazards that we must always keep in mind. Because we know how to create certain technologies, should we? With great knowledge comes the temptation to think I can create whatever I want, design whatever I please. In other words, I can play God. The human person can design smart-phones, smart weapons, smartboards. We think we can even design smart humans without flaws. If, from the moment of conception in the mother's womb, the unborn child gives evidence of weakness or defect, we can terminate the human person's life. We can design the perfect person or so we think.

We can design the homes we want to live in,

we can design the clothes we wear. We design vehicles, aircraft, even spacecraft that reflect great human ingenuity and knowledge. Now, some of us think we can even design ourselves, never mind how our God designed us. We think - I know myself better than any god. I am free to do what I please, no matter my age or my design plans. I should be able to define, design marriage the way I please, never mind God's design.

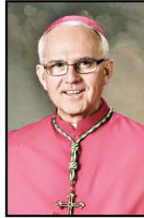
I should be able to pick and choose what I want to do with those things they call commandments. Never mind they are commandments from our Divine Designer. Truth be told, I want to design God according to my specifications. I should be free to make God in the image I think God should be. Some call it "progress." If you disagree with me, you are intolerant, a bigot, old-fashioned, out of touch with the real world.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, without a connection to God, we become like satellites that

have left their orbit and then hurtle randomly into the void and not only destroy ourselves but also threaten others.

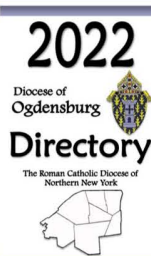
The Gifts of God's Holy Spirit must guide how I use any of my gifts of human creativity or design plans that I may have concocted. These gifts of the Holy Spirit are permanent dispositions which enable you and me to follow the inspiration of

God's Spirit. **Wisdom:** helps us judge what is important, meaningful; **Understanding:** to know something is different from truly understanding it. I can know a lot of facts about someone, but that is different from truly understanding that person; **Counsel:** helps us differentiate between right and wrong (and there is right and wrong); **Fortitude:** courage and endurance to do the right thing, never mind what everybody else does or thinks; **Knowledge:** helps us to know God; **Piety:** proper reverence for God, helps us obey God out of love and give respect to every human person, made in



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God's very image and likeness; and **Fear of the Lord:** proper rejection of sin and awe and gratitude for God's goodness and unconditional love.

With the sacrament of Confirmation, comes a special outpouring of these gifts. Every one of them is a vital aid to living an authentic Catholic life. Candidates, allow the graces of this empowering sacrament stretch your minds and hearts to embrace God and the wonders of His creation. Remember, too, that no one is strong enough to travel the entire path of salvation without assistance. Share your faith, talk about God with your

friends. Know that they are fellow companions who can challenge and support you on this journey of faith.

Candidates, this afternoon, you will be empowered by the seven gifts of God's Holy Spirit to meet the challenges of your tomorrows with a whole lot of hope and confidence. Don't stifle your creativity, it's God's gift to you. But be sure to always allow the graces of this empowering sacrament to stretch your minds and hearts to embrace God and the wonders of His beautiful creation. Through all that we do: May God be praised... forever may God be praised!

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# Immaculate Heart Central names top grads

**WATERTOWN** – Immaculate Heart Central (IHC) in Watertown has announced its valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 2022.

Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown is proud to present its class of 2022 valedictorian, Raphaella Harrienger.

Harrienger is a member of the National Honor Society, has been in the Tri County Art Show for the past four years, has played tennis her entire high school career, ending on the Frontier League Division Team, and played lacrosse for two years. Harrienger has received the Scholarship for Academic Excellence, the Alice Jane Coughlin Memorial Scholarship and the Office of the NYS Comptroller award.

Harrienger painted The Daughter of Eve Mural for IHC and received the Immaculate Heart Central Artifact Legacy Award. She has worked weekends the past year at a job she loves and volunteered for the last three summer church camps at Holy Family Church.

Harrienger will be attending St. John Fisher in the Fall in their pre health/biology major towards becoming a physi-



**Immaculate Heart Central's Class of 2022 will graduate June 18.**

cian assistant.

IHC has named Victoria "Tori" Ledoux the salutatorian for 2022.

Ledoux has received many awards throughout her high school career including the the Sisters of St. Joseph Departmental Awards in History and Science, the Augsburg Scholarship at St. Lawrence University, the United States Marine Corps Distin-

guished Athlete Award, Frontier League and Section 3 Scholar Athlete Awards, the Joe Macsuga Memorial Coaches' Award and the Clarence "Boots" Gaffney Athletic Award.

Ledoux is a member of the National Honor Society, in which she served as treasurer and secretary. She is a member of the Faith Community Service Program and earned first

place in the Tri County Art Show. She was captain of her varsity soccer, basketball and lacrosse teams where she was named a Frontier League All-Star and All-North Athlete.

Ledoux will be attending the Frederick Gunn School in Connecticut in the fall for a post-graduate year. She is the daughter of Michael and Tricia Ledoux, Watertown.



**Raphaella Harrienger**  
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**Victoria 'Tori' Ledoux**  
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**Sheikh Ahmad**  
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**Faline Yang**  
Salutatorian  
Seton Catholic Class of 2022

## Ahmad, Yang lead Seton Catholic Class of 2022

**PLATTSBURGH** – Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh has announced its top graduates from the class of 2022.

Sheikh Ahmad is class valedictorian.

During his time at Seton Catholic, Ahmad has participated in Model United Nations (grade 10), Faith Ambassadors (grades 11 and 12), Student Council (grade 12) and National Honor Society (grade 12). He plans to attend SUNY

Binghamton to study biochemistry.

Faline Yang is class salutatorian.

While at Seton, Yang participated in Student Council (grades 9 through 12), including serving as council president in grade 12; National Honor Society (grades 11 and 12), serving as society president in grade 12; National Junior Honor Society (grades 9 and 10); Model United Nations (grade 10); Faith

Ambassadors (grades 9-12); Cross Country (grades 9-12), serving as team captain in grade 12; Indoor track (grades 9-12), serving as team captain as a senior; outdoor track (grades 9-12), serving as captain in grade 12; and yearbook (grade 12).

She plans to study psychology at Providence College.

Seton Catholic will honor its graduates at commencement on June 18.



# LEAD two-day event focuses on the Eucharist

By Darcy Fargo  
Editor

LAKE PLACID – “When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass... you are not just receiving the idea of Jesus,” said Timothy O’Malley, Ph.D., author and director of education at the McGrath Institute for Church Life and academic director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy. “What you are receiving is the presence of love, a divine gift, that transforms your body here and now into what it is to become – divine. You participate in God’s own life here and now. Think about the gift of this... It means our bodies, our lives here and now, our interior life and exterior life, is the very space where God comes to dwell among us.”

O’Malley was the keynote speaker at a two-day Leadership for Evangelization And Discipleship (LEAD) event held June 6 and 7 at St. Agnes Church and High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid. His presentation, “Eucharist: Remember. Celebrate. Believe.” was divided over several sessions of the second day of the event.

In each session, O’Malley presented information about the Eucharist before participants, seated in tables as small groups, discussed questions related to the presented materials. Participants also had opportunities to ask questions about the material.

One session focused on transubstantiation, the conversion of the substance of the Eucharistic elements into the body and blood of Christ.

“In the doctrine of transubstantiation, bread and wine at their level of substance – what they are – are no longer bread and wine,” O’Malley said. “They are the Body and Blood of Christ, soul and divinity, the whole Christ given to the believer.”



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(Top left) Bishop Terry R. LaValley chats with Dr. Timothy O’Malley, keynote speaker at the LEAD two-day event held June 6 and 7. (Top right and bottom left) Event participants were seated in small groups for discussion after each session of O’Malley’s presentation. (Bottom right) Christina Corey performs a song during the LEAD event.

O’Malley said he’s noticed a tendency to look to prove transubstantiation by pointing to Eucharistic miracles.

“There is no proof,” he said. “Substance is not visible. It’s invisible.”

O’Malley said Christ comes to us in the “sign of bread and wine” because “God wants to unite himself with us, and He wants to do so in a way we can receive it.”

And God comes to us in a way that gives us freedom.

“The Eucharist is the least forceful thing in the world,” O’Malley said. “How does God give himself to you? As a plain, white host. It’s almost nothing to see. It’s almost nothing to grasp. There’s almost nothingness to it. That’s the freedom of love. You have the freedom to give yourself in return and seek union in return.”

O’Malley also said the

way God transforms the substance of bread and wine into Himself, He is also transforming individuals and the world.

“This way of seeing, of course, is essential in our lives,” he said. “God is transforming our world in love, even if you have to admit sometimes you don’t see it... Look beyond the visible to that which is invisible. Give ourselves faithfully to what is given

to us. That’s the document of transubstantiation. All of this transforms our lives slowly by grace.”

The two-day event also included “Music as Prayer: Its Role in Celebrating Eucharist,” a presentation by Sister Mary Gregory Munger, a Sister of St. Joseph.

It concluded with Mass at St. Agnes Church with Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrating.

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## Environmental Stewardship

## Black plastics

Not all plastics are created equally. With today scientific knowledge, plastics can be designed by chemical engineers to have physical properties that make each type of plastic unique and ideal for a specific purpose.

One category of plastics, known as black plastics because of their pure black color, comprises a small, but significant portion of plastics manufactured today. Black plastics are produced in part from an assortment of recycled plastics. This initially made them appealing to groups wanting to utilize recycled material, especially old plastics. However, in the manufacturing process plastics from recycled electronics, like computers, cell phones, televisions, and printers made their way into this mix, along with isolated electronic components that contain small amounts of cadmium, mercury, lead and other toxic elements.

Because the long-range durability of this grade of plastic is not as high as other plastics, black plastics became ideal for items that were to be used only once, and then thrown away. Garbage bags, for example, are filled with trash, and then tossed into a landfill where they remain forever. In a similar manner, lids for hot beverage cups, and "plastic-ware" given out by some fast-food restaurants are also made from black plastic, as these items are typically tossed out after use.

It is believed by some health professionals that food items that come into contact with black plastic might absorb small amounts of unwanted toxic compounds, especially if the food or beverage is hot and touching the plastic surface for several hours, or longer. Such would be the case for take-out containers made from black plastic.

Companies often use whatever items are the lowest price, and little thought is given to possible health risks, especially if the risks have not been convincingly proven. It is wise to just refrain from using black plastics whenever food is being considered. Also, even though some black plastic objects have a recycle code on them, it is always best to place these items in the garbage, as nearly all plastic sorting equipment in recycling centers cannot recognize the color black and therefore rejects this type of plastic as pure garbage.

## Bishop's Public Schedule

**June 15-17** – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Meeting in San Diego, California

**June 18** – 5:30 p.m. – Mass in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of St. Cyril's Church in Alexandria Bay

**June 19** – 11 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral followed by Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

**June 20** – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**June 22** – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

## Rest in Peace

*This week marks the anniversary of the deaths of the following clergymen who have served in the Diocese of Ogdensburg*

**June 15** – Rev. Francis C. A. Cornish, 1960

**June 16** – Rev. James L. Meehan, 2004; Deacon John Dwyer, 2007

**June 17** – Rev. Thomas J. Thotumkal, 1992

**June 19** – Rev. Gerard Chouinard, O.M.I., 1955; Deacon David F. Moltz, 2011

**June 20** – Rev. James O'Hara, 1949

**June 21** – Rev. Joseph T. Moriarity, O.S.A., 1905; Msgr. Joseph F. Luker, 1972

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## Upcoming opportunities

There are so many ways you can help your community out that you might not even know about! Here are some examples of what you can do!



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Check on friends, share a meal, help around the house, go for a walk or just stop by to catch up.



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Drive your neighbors to their appointments, to pick up prescriptions or to the store.



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Volunteer at local elementary schools, tutor students, or be a mentor to those in need.



### Give a Meal

Support the local food pantry by shopping, organizing, cooking, or anything else.



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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Pope's knee troubles force cancellation of July trip to Africa

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Because of continuing problems with his knee, Pope Francis has postponed his planned trip to Congo and South Sudan July 2-7, said the Vatican press office. Matteo Bruni, director of the press office, did not mention whether the pope's planned trip to Canada in late July was still set. "At the request of his doctors, and in order not to jeopardize the results of the therapy that he is undergoing for his knee, the Holy Father has been forced to postpone, with regret, his apostolic journey to the Democratic Republic of Congo and to South Sudan," Bruni said June 10. The trip would be moved "to a later date to be determined." Although Pope Francis has canceled several events since mid-January and has begun using a wheelchair or a cane, the Vatican had continued to insist that he would make the two trips in July. The Vatican press office published a detailed schedule for the Africa trip May 28 and released a list of the journalists accredited to the papal flight to Africa June 8. The South Sudan portion of the trip had been in the works for years.

## Italian financier says Vatican at fault for financial losses

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Taking the stand at a Vatican trial, London-based Italian financier Raffaele Mincione said the Vatican Secretariat of State's decision to back out of its investment in a London property is to blame for its financial losses. Mincione told the court June 6 that the trial was "the first time that I find myself in this kind of situation" of being accused of wrongdoing. Vatican prosecutors accused him of embezzlement, fraud, abuse of office, misappropriation of funds and money laundering. "I have never been fined in the 35 years of my career; I have never received a reprimand from the central banks that regulate my work," he said. Mincione is one of the 10 defendants facing a slew of charges of financial malfeasance related to a property development project in London's Chelsea district that resulted in the loss of hundreds of millions of euros. Before enduring a nearly seven-hour cross examination by Vatican prosecutors, Mincione denounced how the media has portrayed him as a "criminal" due to his involvement in the failed investment.

## Archbishop: Charter anniversary calls for 'continued vigilance'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The 20th anniversary of the U.S. bishops' passage of the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" is "not a time of celebration, but a time of continued vigilance and determination," said the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "In these 20 years, we have greatly benefited from listening to and working with survivors of abuse. We are grateful for their courage in sharing their stories and for helping the church strive to create a culture of protection and healing," Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez said in a June 9 statement. The witness of survivors "has led directly to meaningful reform in the church and to a greater awareness of sexual abuse in the wider world. For past survivors and future children, it is imperative that we remain vigilant," the archbishop said. The charter was originally approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in June 2002 during their spring assembly in Dallas. It is a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. It includes guidelines for creating a safe environment for children and young people; healing and reconciliation for abuse survivors; making prompt and effective response to allegations; cooperating with civil authorities; disciplining offenders; and providing for accountability and the prevention of future acts.

# 'Life and Dignity for All' is theme of USCCB's Religious Freedom Week

WASHINGTON (CNS) — "Life and Dignity for All" is the theme of this year's Religious Freedom Week of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The observance opens June 22, the feast day of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, both English martyrs who fought religious persecution. The week ends June 29, the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, and includes the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, which is June 24.

"This year, as we approach the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*," the USCCB "is especially mindful of the debates around our country about abortion," said a news release about Religious Freedom Week. "The Catholic Church plays a crucial role in bearing witness to the Gospel of life and serving all who will be affected by these discussions and their outcomes."

The *Dobbs* case involves a Mississippi law banning abortion after the 15th week of pregnancy.

An initial draft of a Supreme Court opinion in the case that was leaked May 2 indicated the high court is set to overturn its *Roe v. Wade* decision, which 50 years ago legalized abortion nationwide.

The court also is expected to overturn its 1992 ruling in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which affirmed *Roe* and prohibited regulations that created an "undue burden" on women seek-

ing an abortion.

If the final ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overturns *Roe* and *Casey*, the issue of abortion would be returned to the states.

Another a major area of concern continues to be protecting the religious freedom of U.S. Catholic institutions, such as schools, hospitals and child welfare service providers, "to carry out their missions with integrity" and in accordance with their religious beliefs, the USCCB news release said.

"In particular, protecting Catholic adoption and foster care will become even more vital, as we take new steps in building a culture of life and dignity for all in the United States," it said.

"To build a culture of life and dignity for all," the Catholic Church "must support women and children," the release added.

To that end, the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities in 2020 launched the "Walking with Moms in Need" nationwide initiative. Its aim is "to engage every Catholic parish in providing a safety net to ensure that pregnant and parenting moms have the resources, love and support they need to nurture the lives of their children."

In starting the initiative, the U.S. bishops said they want to ensure "our Catholic parishes are places of welcome for women facing challeng-

ing pregnancies or who find it difficult to care for their children after birth, so that any mother needing assistance will receive life-affirming support and be connected to appropriate programs and resources where she can get help."

Among its goals is to help Catholics "recognize the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in their communities, enabling parishioners to know these mothers, to listen to them, and to help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children."

Another focus of Religious Freedom Week is international, the USCCB release said. The USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty has collaborated with the Office of International Justice and Peace "to raise awareness about religious liberty in China and in solidarity with people throughout the world who suffer for their faith."

The USCCB provides "Pray-Reflect-Act" resources at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek). Each day focuses on different religious liberty topics and this year's daily themes intersect with life issues.

"Through prayer, education and public action during Religious Freedom Week, the USCCB continues to advocate for the essential right of religious freedom for Catholics and for those of all faiths," the release added.

## VIRTUAL EVENTS

**BROWNBAG CHATS BEGIN**

The Office of New Evangelization will be running a new Brownbag Chat during lunchtime via zoom.

**Date:** Wednesdays starting June 15

**Time:** Noon to 1 p.m.

**Features:** We will use videos from The Search Continues on Formed.org. In each session, we will watch one or two short videos together via zoom and then have an informal discussion.

**Contact:** If you would like to join us this series of lunch-time chat discussions, please sign up online at <https://www.rcdony.org/brownbag>. For more information, contact Marika Donders at [mdonders@rcdony.org](mailto:mdonders@rcdony.org).

## ADIRONDACK

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

Lake Placid – Monthly praise and worship to be held.

**Date:** First Friday of the month

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** St. Agnes Church

**Features:** Music led by Joey and MC Izzo. Time for fellowship and snacks afterwards. Will be livestreamed as well on St. Agnes Facebook page.

## CLINTON

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Peru – The 34th Annual Peru Knights of Columbus Council 7273 Bill McBride Jr. Memorial Charity Golf Tournament will be held.

**Date:** June 17

**Time:** Shotgun start at 10 a.m.

**Place:** Adirondack Golf and Country Club

**Features:** The four-person scramble will feature a “New Car Hole in One” sponsored by Bailey Ford and other great prizes. All are invited!

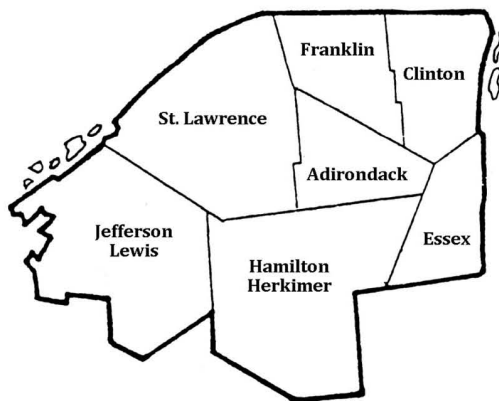
**Contact:** Obtain entry forms and information from Greg Lombard at 518-593-2652 or email [gnetlombard@charter.net](mailto:gnetlombard@charter.net).

**HOUSE SITTERS**

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer is looking for many Volunteer “House Sitters”.

**Time:** The responsibility is to arrive by 10 a.m. on your chosen day(s) and remain on premises until 4 p.m. to welcome visitors.

**Features:** Lunch and snack items on hand along with tea, coffee, soda, and bottled water. Training will be provided on the history of the House of Prayer, its mission, and the various ways to carry out this gentle ministry of hospi-



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Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;  
e-mail [news@northcountrycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountrycatholic.org).

Items must be received in the NCC office by the Thursday before publication.

tality for those seeking time in a home of Mary to listen to our Lord, browse in the library, or visit the “Gift Shop”. Flexible schedule (and hours) are fine.

**Contact:** If interested in volunteering for one day a month, or week, or more, please call Sarah Anderson at 518-534-9976.

## FRANKLIN

**ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH PILGRIMAGE**

Malone – St. Andre Bessette Parish Pilgrimage walk to be held.

**Date:** July 9

**Time:** 8 a.m. to noon

**Place:** 9 mile walk from St. Helen’s, Chasm Falls Whippleville Road and River Road and will end t Notre Dame Church.

**Features:** Light refreshments will then be served. If you are concerned about your ability to walk the route, please consider joining us in Eucharistic Adoration prayer at Notre Dame. It will take place at the same time as the walk, from 8 a.m. to Noon. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help defray the cost of the Our Lady of the Rosary Healing Retreat, to be held at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg Oct. 6-9 for women of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

**Contact:** For more information contact Nancy and Mark Beddoe at [beddoe@sympatico.ca](mailto:beddoe@sympatico.ca)

**DEVOTION AND HOLY HOUR**

St. Regis Falls – All are invited to the monthly first Saturday Devotion and Holy Hour for Vocations.

**Date:** First Saturday of the Month

**Time:** Following the 4:30 anti-cipated Mass

**Place:** St. Ann’s Church

**Features:** Prayer after Mass, Night Prayer, Prayer for All Souls and the Holy Souls, Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, The Reparation Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary with private meditation on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the Tabernacle, and Prayers for the Holy Father and his intentions.

## JEFFERSON-LEWIS

**MOUNT CARMEL FESTIVAL**

Watertown – The Mount Carmel Festival will return this year.

**Date:** June 24, 25 & 26

Schedule: Grounds open Friday 5 p.m. to 10; Saturday 1 p.m. to 10; Sunday 1 p.m. to 10, 5 p.m. religious procession, 9:30 p.m. Giant Fireworks.

**Features:** Homemade Italian food-Sausage, Pizza, Fried Dough, Cookies! Rides and games for the kids.

**HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY**

Houseville – A Holy Hour of Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the first Sunday of the month.

**Date:** July 3

**Time:** Following 11 a.m. Mass

**Place:** St. Hedwig’s Church

**Contact:** 315-348-6260

## ST. LAWRENCE

**HOLY HOUR**

Canton – Holy Hour for Vocations to be

held.

**Date:** Every Tuesday

**Time:** 4:10 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary’s Church

**Features:** Holy hour followed by Mass at 5:15 p.m. and confessions at 5:45 p.m.

**FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

Canton – Mass with Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi to be held.

**Date:** June 19

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Place:** St. Mary’s Church

**Features:** As a sign of our common faith and adoration, St. Mary’s will again process with the Blessed Sacrament through the village of Canton. All are invited to join us for this Annual Procession. The procession will conclude in the church with Benediction. Those unable to walk the ¼ mile procession are invited to remain in the church to pray the rosary in anticipation of Benediction.

**FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY**

Massena – Sacred Heart Church to have first Saturday Rosary Devotion.

**Date:** July 2

**Time:** 3:15 p.m.

**Features:** First Saturday Rosary Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. Confessions will be available. Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

**ROSARY WITH DEVOTIONS**

Ogdensburg – The Legion of Mary will pray the rosary with devotions for First Saturday.

**Date:** July 2

**Time:** 8 a.m.

**Place:** Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg

**Features:** Rosary with devotions

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

**ORDINATION TO DIACONATE**

Potsdam - Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg will Ordain to the Order of Deacon Mr. Lukas Hermann Gruber. You are cordially invited to join in the Ordination Liturgy.

**Date:** June 25

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Place:** St. Mary’s Church

**Features:** A Reception will immediately follow the Ordination on the rectory lawn across the street from The Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary. The Ordination Mass will also be livestreamed at [www.rcdony.org/ordi-](http://www.rcdony.org/ordi-)

nation. The Ordination Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Ordination.

**FAMILY GUGGENHEIM**

Saranac Lake – Online registration is now open for Family Guggenheim.

**Date:** Session 1 Aug. 18-21; Session 2 Aug. 25-28; Session 3 Oct. 7-9

**Place:** Guggenheim

**Cost:** Visit [www.rcdony.org/family-life/fg](http://www.rcdony.org/family-life/fg) for more information

**Features:** Family Guggenheim welcomes families of all dimensions to come enjoy a special weekend in the beauty of the Adirondacks. Expect fun family workshops and activities that will have you working and laughing together. Celebrate Christ’s presence in your lives through liturgy (often outside) and special prayer services. Take time for great outdoor activities like paddle boat rides, beach volleyball, and hiking. You are never too young or too old to enjoy being family at Camp Guggenheim!

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or [sttartaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:sttartaglia@rcdony.org)

**RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT**

Saranac Lake – After Abortion Healing weekend to be held.

**Date:** Sept. 2-4

**Place:** Guggenheim Center

**Features:** If you (or a friend) are suffering after an abortion, you’re not alone. Consider participating in the next Rachel’s Vineyard retreat. The weekend will be held at the main camp to provide more social distancing. Each retreatant will have their own room. Open to women and men. Don’t suffer alone. Help is available.

**Contact:** Registration is online at [rcdony.org/pro-life](http://rcdony.org/pro-life) or contact the Respect Life office 518-524-0774 or [cmriner@rcdony.org](mailto:cmriner@rcdony.org)

**SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE**

Experience Sidewalk Advocated for Life’s new virtual basic training 2.0.

**Features:** Sidewalk Advocates for Life employs peaceful, prayerful, loving, and law-abiding outreach outside of abortion centers to aid mothers in crisis and connect them with life-affirming resources in the effort to save their preborn children and end abortion.

**Contact:** To get started, fill out the brief application at [sidewalkadvocates.org/trainingapp](http://sidewalkadvocates.org/trainingapp). Upon receipt, we’ll be in touch with next steps for accessing the online training.



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Celebrating the Eucharist

Today, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we celebrate the central mystery of our faith, God as sacrificial food for the world. All three readings speak about some important events in the Bible that lead up to the greatest gift Christ left us, the sacrifice of the Mass. Our late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, referred to the Eucharist as the "source and summit" of our lives, while Pope Benedict calls it the



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"Sacrament of Love." In the first reading, Melchizedek, King and priest of Salem, in return for a favor, gives bread, wine and blessing to Abram (later called Abraham). In turn, Abram makes a covenant with Melchizedek, and gives him a tenth of all his possessions. Melchizedek is still referred to in our liturgies as a "forerunner" of Christ, the eternal priest. The second reading from 1 Corinthians, tells

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READINGS

Genesis 14:18-20  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Luke 9:11b-17

us what happened at the Last Supper, when Jesus makes a covenant in His own Body and Blood with the apostles and all who would later follow Him. It's the first telling in Scripture of the story of the Eucharist. Later, the Gospels would fill in more details, telling us that Jesus Himself is the

food of sacrifice, offered for the salvation of the whole world. He tells his followers to "Do this in remembrance of me," thus establishing the Mass. It is the Holy Spirit which empowers those words of Jesus in the mouths of His priests.

The Eucharist is the greatest remedy in every age to heal the brokenness of our lives, and the sickness in our world. It is needed now more than ever before to bring about a healing for the sins of society, and especially the weaknesses of a Church which is supposed to offer the light of

truth and a love that can be trusted. Pope John Paul II, in a news interview on his way to the Shrine at Fatima some years ago, said that the Church "has profound need to relearn penance, to accept purification, to learn on the one hand forgiveness but also the necessity of justice."

Renewed devotion to the Eucharist through the Mass and our prayer of reparation before the Blessed Sacrament is surely the very best way to bring about the healing of a wounded church and a restored trust in the shepherds of the Church.

## CALLED TO SERVE

## Keeping my head above water

"How's it going?"

That may be the most dangerous question one person can ask another. Somebody told me once that trial lawyers adopt the proposition "never ask a question you do not already know the answer to." That's a good commandment to live by.

"How's it going?"

For a professional counselor or for a listener like a clergyman, an open-ended question like that could lead to a lengthy, heart wrenching, complicated and sometimes eye-opening re-

sponse. I've even seen that simple question result in spontaneous tears or a breakdown.

It can also evoke a quip. "How's it going?" Answer, "same stuff, different day!"

"How's it going?" Answer, "Oh, you know, keeping my head above water."

Recently I asked a lady, "How's it going?" and she said, "it's better than pushing up grass!"

A funeral director friend of mine likes to remind people, "it's better to be seen, than viewed."

Death, the true reference in the last two comments, is what captured my thinking this week.

In the parish where I serve, there has been a rash of funerals lately. We have three worship sites in our parish. Each has a pretty good size congregation, so it is natural for us to experience deaths. But even for us, the number has been worth conversation around the sacristy.

We also have a Catholic cemetery associated with the parish, so the number of deaths has been reflected in the number of burials. It's good for business, but we almost wish we were not reporting positive numbers.

There was a fellow who used to visit the newsroom I worked in a few

years ago. Nick was a great guy. He had some severe disabilities, including a speech impediment. Nick was still able to get around and communicate. The first question out of his mouth on each visit was "who died?" Nick was pumping us for information but, with a chuckle and grin, he really wanted to know if we knew about a death he had already confirmed.

Our local paper has expanded its obituary section, the broadcast stations have death notices.

We are very conscious about who among us has died and we are sad.

It is ok to be down about a loved one who will no longer be with us. Someday it will be our

turn. Psalm 62 reminds us, "mortals are a mere breath."

The Church recognizes the pain of separation but helps us cope with death through the vigil, the funeral Mass and the final commendation. "For the Christian," the Church writes in the *Catechism*, "the day of death inaugurates, at the end of his sacramental life, the fulfillment of his new birth begun at Baptism... participation in the feast of Kingdom."

That's what we all believe and look forward to with anticipation. I just wish more families would take advantage of the Church's liturgical celebration of the Christian funeral.

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## AT THE MOVIES

# JURASSIC WORLD DOMINION

NEW YORK (CNS) – It's old home week for a \$5 billion sci-fi franchise. That's because "Jurassic World Dominion" (Universal), which wraps up the second trilogy of films ultimately derived from novels by Michael Crichton, features not only the duo whose adventures have been charted in the more recent movies, but the trio of scientists at the heart of the 1993 original as well.

Yet this reunion, though affectionate enough, involves slightly grittier content than its two predecessors in the current series. So the parents of persistent teens will need to be wary.

Those old enough to remember Bill Clinton's first term and Whitney Houston belting out "I Will Always Love You," may recall Jeff Goldblum's black-clad mathematician, Dr. Ian Malcolm. Can they also bring to mind the mutual romantic attraction of paleontologist Alan Grant (Sam Neill) and paleobotanist Ellie Sattler (Laura Dern)? Director Colin Trevorrow and his script partner, Emily Carmichael, clearly hope so.

No such powers of recollection are required to place Chris Pratt's animal tamer Owen Grady or Bryce Dallas Howard's career-focused executive-turned-heroine Claire Dearing; we saw them as recently as 2018's "Juras-

sic World: Fallen Kingdom." It's just as well that both Owen and Claire have gained a taste for domesticity since they're not only married but raising an adoptive daughter, Maisie (Isabella Sermon).

How do Trevorrow and Carmichael bring this disparate ensemble together? Through the good offices of an evil corporation called Biosyn and its ruthless CEO, Lewis Dodgson (Campbell Scott).

Dodgson gets on the oldsters' nerves by reanimating prehistoric locusts who chomp on any grain not designed by Biosyn, thus raising the specter of worldwide famine. He annoys the younger set by kidnapping genetically unique Maisie so Biosyn can make a study of her.

Owen and Claire acquire an ally, as they hunt for Maisie, in the person of tough pilot Kayla Watts (DeWanda Wise). The screenplay takes a momentary detour to inform us that Kayla likes ladies. Having checked this now-obligatory box, it's back to the action.

Dodgson's machinations are made the cue for some inconsequential philosophizing about the ethics of cloning and the relationship of humans to nature. These rambling reflections include Malcolm's explicit denial that we have "dominion" over the rest of creation –

seemingly a direct contradiction of the Book of Genesis.

Viewers' opinions will vary on how seriously this remark ought to be taken, however. Malcolm is, after all, as eccentric as he is supposedly insightful.

All this woolgathering is, moreover, mere filler as we await the appearance of the picture's real stars: those outsized dinosaurs whose ill-advised revival from extinction continues to pester humanity around the globe. To the terror of those on screen – and the delight of those consuming popcorn – these beasts roar and rampage, stomp around and imperil crowds of hapless folk.

Given the box-office record of the past 30 years, many clearly get a frisson from the fear of the fictional.

The film contains much stylized, though occasionally disturbing violence, vague references to lesbianism, a couple of profanities, about a dozen milder oaths, several crude terms, a couple of crass expressions and an obscene gesture. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III – adults. The Motion Picture Association rating is PG-13 – parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

# GUGGENHEIM 2022

## MEET THE STAFF

Camp Guggenheim returns for the 2022 season on July 3! Register at [rcdony.org/youth/camp](http://rcdony.org/youth/camp). The following is part of the NCC's annual feature introducing this year's Camp Guggenheim staff.



Kevin McCullough



Lucas Roberts-Williams

Hi, my name is Kevin McCullough. This will be my fifth summer serving Guggenheim as a counselor!

I am so excited to return to camp especially on this special anniversary of 50 years of ministry to the diocese!

I am 25 years old, and finished my bachelor's degree at SUNY Potsdam, now I am enrolled at Saint Vincent's Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, studying to be a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg!

I can't wait to Hike, Swim, and Praise with all the campers this summer

**What is something unique about you?**

I'm a recent convert to Catholicism, and I actually haven't gone to Camp Guggenheim, though I visited the grounds during a retreat.

**What is a random fun fact about you?**

I can kickflip on a skateboard. Although I'll be honest, I haven't done it in a while.

**What is something you want to learn this year?**

I'd like to learn more about the saints (there's a lot to learn).


**What's your favorite place on Earth?**

I'm from a town in Vermont called Shelburne, and there's a property called Shelburne Farms. It's very beautiful and I have a lot of good memories there, and I go for walks there.

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# Saint Peter Apostle Appeal

*"Might I interest you a bit in my seminary?"* That was the question written in the late 19th century to Jeanne Bigard and her mother, Stephanie, by a bishop from their home country of France who was serving in Japan. He told the mother and daughter of the more than 50 young men preparing for the priesthood and the difficulties he was having providing for their formation and for the growing numbers of seminary applicants. Starting to gather help immediately, the two established, in 1889, the Society of St. Peter Apostle, providing help for some 2,700 seminarians.

Today, more than 28,000 seminarians, mostly in Asia and Africa, receive an average annual subsidy of \$700 from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith/Society of St. Peter Apostle; assistance is also provided for women and men preparing to serve as religious sisters and brothers. It is because of your generosity, and others like you, that all this and more is possible. For that, I thank you!

"Your constant support is invaluable in meeting our multiple challenges that confront us here," said Aleke Kenneth, a student at Christ the King Major Seminary in Kaduna, Nigeria, an area that has seen increased violence in recent years, including the kidnapping of Catholic priests. Support sent to this seminary provided for the education of Aleke and his 216

classmates, along with school supplies, meals and lodging.

*Will you continue to write this story of hope with your gift today to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith/Society of St. Peter Apostle?* Your donation provides textbooks, technology, classrooms, housing/lodging, food and medical care. With the understanding that only you know what gift amount is right for your own life circumstance, be assured that your continued support will help prepare tomorrow's mission priests, who will proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Sacraments, and serve the poor in the world's most vulnerable communities.

**Currently the Diocese of Ogdensburg has priests serving from the countries of Fiji, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Ghana, Philippines, Haiti, Kenya, India, and Canada, many of which would have been eligible to receive assistance from the Society of Saint Peter Apostle during their formation.**

What began with a mother and daughter continues with you. I am most grateful for your generosity and assure you of my prayers for you and your intentions for your kind missionary heart.

*Sr. Mary Ellen*

Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ  
Diocesan director

## OBITUARIES

**Cape Vincent** – Edward J. "Joe" Mul-laney, 77; Memorial Mass June 17, 2022 at St. Vincent of Paul Church.

**Croghan** – Carolyn (Hanno) Lyndaker, 86; Mass of Christian Burial June 8, 2022 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Dannemora** – Anthony Mitchell, 71; Mass of Christian Burial June 9, 2022 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Ellenburg** – Rufus J. Rabideau, 86; Mass of Christian Burial June 8, 2022 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Ellenburg Mausoleum.

**Ellenburg** – Yvonne (Seguin) Taylor, 99; Mass of Christian Burial June 7, 2022 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Town of Ellenburg Mausoleum.

**Hague** – Merlin Elijah "Slim" Jordon, 87; Graveside services June 26, 2022 at the May Memorial Cemetery.

**Harrisville** – Richard Joseph Weekes, 83; Private Services to be held; burial in Harrisville Cemetery.

**Henderson** – Edna Mary Cherie Ver-rilli, 99; Mass of Christian Burial June 11, 2022 at Queen of Heaven Church.

**Hogansburg** – Marion (Wariianen) Lazore, 74; Mass of Christian Burial June 7, 2022 at St. Regis Church.

**Massena** – Ida Mary (Zappia) Claffey, 93; Mass of Christian Burial June 13, 2022 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Cal-vary Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** – Barbara "Gail" (Lavi-gne) LePage, 83; Mass of Christian Burial June 9, 2022 at St. Alexander's Church.

**Potsdam** – Pauline F. (Ayotte) Burkum, 90; Mass of Christian Burial June 9, 2022 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**South Colton** – Mary A. (Jones) Long, 76; Mass of Christian Burial June 10,

2022 at St. Paul's Church.

**St. Regis Falls** – Richard Michael Neuser, 76; Mass of Christian Burial June 10, 2022 at St. Ann's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Brushton.

**Tupper Lake** – Eileen (LaPlante) Car-row, 94; Mass of Christian Burial June 10, 2022 at St. Alphonsus Church.

**Watertown** – John P. Burns, 62; Mass of Christian Burial June 10, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Maureen A. (McCarthy) Sarsfield, 82; Mass of Christian Burial June 8, 2022 at Holy Family Church.

**Watertown** – Ursula J. "Jane" (St. Croix) Tarzia, 78; Mass of Christian Burial June 14, 2022 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**West Chazy** – Clarence "Clary" G. Parker, 89; Mass of Christian Burial June 9, 2022 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION



First Communion was celebrated on Sunday, June 5 at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Port Leyden. Pictured left to right are Deacon James Chaufy, Juliet Hastwell, Haylee Kraeger, Paislee Farr, Kaitlyn Kraeger, Cooper Brown, Tucker Brown and Father Lawrence Marullo.



# CELEBRATION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST



For 150 years, the Lord has blessed the people, the Body of Christ, of the Diocese of Ogdensburg with charisms to lead and minister to His flock.

The Celebration of the Body of Christ is our opportunity to recognize the many graces the Lord has bestowed on his people. We will acknowledge and honor those who have given distinguished service to their communities, parishes, diocese and the Church. Please join us for this special time of music, prayer and gathering.

**JULY**  
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## ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, OGDENSBURG

2 P.M. – Donald K. Fellows, past director for music for Saint Mary's Cathedral & Wadhams Hall Seminary College offers a recital on the cathedral organ

3 P.M. – Holy Hour and Presentation of Honors to distinguished guests

Reception to follow on cathedral lawn

